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SICK STEEL PSU
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick steel units in the country as on date;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revive/restructure some of them particularly Hindustan Steel Construction Limited (HSCL);

(c) if so, the details thereof, plant-wise; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) None of the Public Sector steel making companies is sick presently.

(b)to(d): Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd.(HSCL) another PSU under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel is not a sick PSU, although the company has been incurring net losses. However, Government has submitted a restructuring proposal of HSCL to Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) for its recommendation. The restructuring proposal contains various options for

(i) revival of all business

(ii) revival of select business and

(iii) complete closure by the year 2007-08; and

(iv) continuance of the existing business on 'as is' basis.